

I have been in broadcasting since 1958 and have experienced a total of 3 involuntary possible indeceny occurances over my airways. None were willful or repeated. Because of my station's excellent reputation, none resulted in complaint. Like most broadcasters, every effort is made to reasonably protect our audience from the offensive. Meanwhile the vast majority of compalints are launched at those who have repeatedly titalized, taunted and simply ignored both good taste and actual rules. My station airs live the United Way Kickoff, the local haywood Councity Fair, all local High School Sports a ten week local music Bluegrass Concert series each summer. All the good things local stations do that a community appreciates. Yet todays climate sees revenues splintered and reduced. It is beyond reason to penalize our operation for the sins of others. It would never be suggested that a community issue everyone who drives a speeding ticket, simply because they might speed sometime. But, it would surely make sense to have those who have a demonstrated case of willful and repeated offense to be placed under "house arrest" and complete supervision. That is sensible and responsible government supervision. Anything more is thrashing an entire industry, many of whom can ill afford it, for the irresponsible acts of others. FCC: don't cripple the very small local operators who are the best examples of what radio should be.

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